

**MINUTES**  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/HRC JOINT MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012  
TRAINING ROOM  
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B  
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA  
7:15 P.M.

**1. SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Hoffman, Vice Chair Smith, Commissioners Walsh, Leung, La, Watanuki, and Campbell

Absent: Commissioner Vuppala, Dewan

**4. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**4.1 Review of Human Relations Commission Annual Report**

The Commission reviewed its Annual Report, which outlines many of its accomplishments over the last two years, with the City Council. Beth Hoffman, HRC Chair, lead the discussion.

**4.2 Direction for Future HRC Projects and Initiatives**

The HRC discussed its projects and initiatives and requested direction from the City Council on the level of support the HRC could expect from the City Council on these projects.

- 1. *Chair Hoffman discussed the Pride Parade.*** Last year, the HRC spearheaded the City's first official entry into the Bay Area's Pride Parade in San Francisco. The HRC would like to see greater participation from City Officials and residents and would like the City Council's support in raising awareness and participation in the event for 2012.
- 2. *Commissioner Walsh spoke to the Council about Make A Difference Day.*** Make a Difference Day (MADD) promotes unity in diversity, as many diverse ethnic/cultural groups as well as the youth and adults of all ages participate in this National day of Volunteering. Over the last four years, MADD has been carried out with the joint support of a one-time gift from *Celebrate Fremont* and a matching City contribution.

These funds have now been exhausted. In order to continue this event, approximately \$3,500 is needed annually, to provide a stipend to a MADD Program Coordinator. The Commission requested Council support in obtaining funding support.

3. *Commissioner La, Watanuki and Chair Hoffman discussed the Film Series.* In May 2011, the HRC collaborated with the Fremont Education Foundation and the Fremont Unified District Teachers Association to sponsor a screening of the film *The Race to Nowhere – The Dark Side of America’s Achievement Culture*. The Commission requested Council support in continuing the series.
4. *Commissioner Leung discussed the Human Relations Commission Award.* The Commission has developed criteria and is ready to launch an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community and who serve the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all citizens. Demonstrating this pursuit may include showing leadership in inter-cultural affairs, human services, community action, or humanitarian endeavors. Individuals would be recognized in the Tri-City Voice. The Commission requested Council support for the award in recognizing deserving community members.
5. *Chair Smith discussed the possibility of an Online Donation Portal.* The Commission recently learned that the City of San Francisco has launched Give2SF.org (<http://give2sf.org>) to provide a simple official online portal for donors to give to City departments and programs within the City and County of San Francisco. The Commission recommended that the City Council support similar functionality on the City’s website.

## 5. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting Adjourned for informal conversation and olive oil tasting. Sister Karen Elizabeth from the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, provided a brief history of the olive trees that produce the olive oil that the City Council and HRC sampled. The Sisters will also be provided wine, cheese and fruit.